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Summer Camp Still Offers Youngsters Chance For Fun

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) offers a wide variety of summer camps at RECenters, schools, parks and historic sites in over 30 different neighborhoods. The Park Authority's goal is to provide children with safe and enjoyable camp experiences where children and young adults can develop skills, enhance self-esteem and form lasting friendships. With over 700 different weeks of camp scheduled between now and September 1, there are plenty of opportunities for kids to get involved. In fact, camp is a great choice in the constant fight against mid-summer boredom!

Budding nature lovers, future explorers and Olympians-to-be will all find camps to suit their needs. The Park Authority offers traditional camps and camps which specialize in a particular interest, sport or activity. Summer camps can last anywhere from half-day sessions to a full day, and many are as long as one to two weeks. Summer camps allow children to learn more about themselves and gain confidence in their own abilities. Campers also learn to respect one another through team experiences and activities. Parents will appreciate the wide variety of camp formats and convenient locations to choose from.

Providing a safe environment for children to enjoy their summer camp experience is very important to the Park Authority. All staff members receive 12 hours of intensive training and are at least 18-yrs or older; most are college students or teachers. Every staff member is certified in first aid and CPR, and many camps are licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services which mandates certain safety regulations and conducts site visits to ensure compliance with their guidelines. The Park Authority's summer camps exceed the state mandated staff-to-camper ratio, which means the best supervision and most personal attention for your children.

Summer camps are fun and exciting and children will gain long-lasting memories and friendships from the experience. Remember, there are still opportunities for fun at FCPA summer camps. For details about all camps visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks. To register call (703) 222-4664.

Media Note: Photographs of FCPA camp experiences can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/photos>.

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